sional) respectively and that by Air India for the same period was Rs. 2103.84 crores and Rs. 2183.25 crores (provisional) respectively.

(b) The proposed tie-up will intensify the competition for the national carriers. However, it is not possible to quantify the financial implications at this stage.

(c) Indian Airlines will be acquiring 5 additional A-320 aircraft during the year 1994-95 and would be using them to step up capacity. Besides, Indian Airlines and Air India are co-operating extensively in several areas like joint venture operations in Gulf countries, hub and spoke operations, joint frequent flyer programmes etc. to enhance market reach and to ensure optimal sharing of resources.

Suspension of general category employees of Air India

4877. SHRI MD. SALIM : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) how many General category employees of Air India have been placed under suspension for more than six months during the last three years;

(b) what are their names with period of suspension;

(c) whether any enquiry was conducted in these cases and how many have been found not guilty; and

(d) whether salary for the suspension period has been paid to such employees not found guilty ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of Air-Strip at Solapur

4878. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 301 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd December, 1993 and state :

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government has offered the 4,000 feet air-strip at Solapur to hand over to the National Airports Authority for being developed into an Airport; and

(b) if so, what was Government's decision thereon and the reasons for delay in providing an airport to this industrial town ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No, Sir. Solapur Air port already belongs to National Airports Authority (NAA).

(b) does not arise.

Tourism Ministers' Conference in Shillong

4879. SHRI N. E. BALARAM : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether the Tourism Ministers conference was held recently in Shillong;

(b) if so, the names of the participants, the details of media who attended, the summary of decisions and the expenses on the conference; and

(c) the activity plan for enhancing air link and road services to the seven sisters in short term and long term, alongwith the potential of tourist traffic ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A conference on Tourism & Civil Aviation was held on 26th March 1994 at Shillong, where Chief Ministers of North Eastern States participated along with Tourism Ministers and concerned officials. Their expenses were borne by the State Governments. The conference mainly deliberated on the issue of augmenting tourist infrastructure at identified tourist centres in the North Eastern Region and also suggested for augmentation of aviation facilities.